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SUBJECT: PROPOSED PUBLIC INFORMATION POLICY AND PROPOSED  
INITIAL EXERCISE PRESS RELEASE FOR EXERCISE DAWN PATROL 78

REFERENCE: A. IMSWM-70-78, 30 MAR 78, 9 DEC 77  
B. ACE EXERCISE PROGRAM 1978-1981, 9 DEC 77

1.(U) BY REF A MILREPS ARE REQUESTED TO APPROVE OR  
COMMENT ON THE PROPOSED PUBLIC INFORMATION POLICY AND  
PROPOSED INITIAL PRESS RELEASE FOR EXERCISE DAWN PATROL  
78 BY COB 13 APR 78. FYI REF A IS QUOTED IN PARA 2 BELOW

2.(C) BEGIN QUOTE OF REF A:

MEMORANDUM FOR THE MEMBERS OF THE MILITARY COMMITTEE THE  
CHIEF, FRENCH MILITARY MISSION

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REFS: A. ACE EXERCISE PROGRAMME 1978-1981, P. 1-G-14  
B. SACEUR MSG P 221100Z MAR 78

1. YOU WILL FIND AT ENCLOSURE THE SACEUR'S PROPOSED PRESS  
RELEASE FOR EXERCISE DAWN PATROL 78.

2. DAWN PATROL 78 IS A MULTI-NATIONAL, MEDIUM SCALE, AIR,

LAND, NAVAL AND AMPHIBIOUS EXERCISE TO BE CONDUCTED IN THE MEDITERRANEAN AREA FROM 16 TO 29 MAY 1978.

3. SACEUR HAS RECOMMENDED AN ACTIVE PUBLIC INFORMATION POLICY.

4. SUBJECT TO APPROVAL, SIMULTANEOUS RELEASE ON 10 MAY 1978 BY THE FOLLOWING IS INTENDED: SACEUR, CINCSOUTH AND MODS THAT WISH TO DO SO.

5. IN CASE OF PRESS QUERIES ABOUT THE PARTICIPATION OF FRENCH AND GREEK FORCES, FOLLOWING ARE THE PROPOSED COORDINATED ANSWERS:

A. PARTICIPATION OF FRANCE.

"THE FRENCH AUTHORITIES HAVE, IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE 1978 PROGRAMME OR EXERCISES, DEVELOPED IN COOPERATION BETWEEN FRANCE AND NATO, DECIDED THAT SEVERAL UNITS OF THE FRENCH NATIONAL NAVY WILL PARTICIPATE IN DAWN PATROL 78, IN ORDER TO EVALUATE AND IMPROVE THE OPERATIONAL TRAINING OF THEIR FORCES."

B. PARTICIPATION OF GREECE

"PARTICIPATION OF GREEK FORCES REFLECTS THE HELLENIC AUTHORITIES' DECISION TO CONTRIBUTE TO THE IMPROVEMENT OF ALLIED FORCES TRAINING IN THE FRAMEWORK OF THE CONFIDENTIAL

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RELATIONS BETWEEN GREECE AND NATO, WHICH ARE CURRENTLY THE SUBJECT OF NEGOTIATIONS."

6. MILREPS AND CFMM ARE REQUESTED TO CONFIRM APPROVAL OF THE PROPOSED PUBLIC INFORMATION POLICY AND THE ENCLOSED PRESS RELEASE OR TO COMMENT THEREON, BY CLOSE OF BUSINESS ON 13 APRIL 1978. A FORM FOR WRITTEN REPLY IS ATTACHED FOR YOUR CONVENIENCE.

7. BECAUSE OF THE EXTREMELY SHORT TIME AVAILABLE, THE INTERNATIONAL STAFF IS REQUESTED TO INITIATE CONCURRENT ACTION IN ORDER TO EXPEDITE PROCESSING.

8. THIS DOCUMENT WILL BE DOWNGRADED TO NATO UNCLASSIFIED UPON PUBLIC RELEASE OF THE INITIAL EXERCISE PRESS RELEASE.

/S/A.C. DAVIES AIR MARSHAL, RAF DIRECTOR, IMS  
ENCLOSURE

PROPOSED PRESS RELEASE FOR EXERCISE "DAWN PATROL 78"

NAPLES, 10 MAY 1978. EIGHT NATIONS WILL PARTICIPATE IN A MAJOR SEA, LAND AND AIR EXERCISE, NAMED DAWN PATROL 78,

WHICH WILL BE HELD IN THE MEDITERRANEAN FROM 16 TO 29  
MAY 1978. ADMIRAL HAROLD E. SHEAR, COMMANDER IN CHIEF,  
ALLIED FORCES SOUTHERN EUROPE (CINCSOUTH) ANNOUNCED THE  
EXERCISE TODAY FROM HIS HEADQUARTERS IN NAPLES.

DAWN PATROL IS AN ANNUAL EXERCISE DESIGNED TO FURTHER  
THE INTEGRATION OF MULTI-NATIONAL FORCES ASSIGNED TO

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CINCSOUTH AND TO DEMONSTRATE NATO'S READINESS TO DETER  
AGGRESSION ALONG ITS SOUTHERN FLANK WITH THE RAPID  
INFLUX OF EXTERNAL REINFORCEMENTS.

COUNTRIES CONTRIBUTING FORCES TO THE EXERCISE ARE ITALY,  
THE NETHERLANDS, PORTUGAL, TURKEY, THE UNITED KINGDOM  
AND THE UNITED STATES, AS WELL AS FRANCE AND GREECE  
WHICH ALTHOUGH NOT BEING PART OF NATO'S INTEGRATED  
MILITARY STRUCTURE, WILL DESIGNATE FORCES TO EXERCISE  
ALONGSIDE UNITS OF THE OTHER SIX NATO ALLIES.

THE EXERCISE CONCEPT CALLS FOR ALLIED NAVAL FORCES TO  
CONDUCT OPERATIONS TO MAINTAIN THE SEA LINES OF  
COMMUNICATION IN THE MEDITERRANEAN. CARRYING SEABORNE  
EXTERNAL REINFORCEMENTS, A TASK FORCE WILL RENDEZ-VOUS  
WITH PROTECTING NAVAL FORCES AND CONDUCT AMPHIBIOUS  
ASSAULTS ON SARDINIA AND ON THE GREEK AND TURKISH COASTS.  
AIR SUPPORT TO NAVAL GROUND OPERATIONS WILL BE PROVIDED  
BY ALLIED CARRIER-BASED AND LAND-BASED AIRCRAFT. END  
QUOTE

3.(C) PARAGRAPH 5, REF B REFLECTS THE FOLLOWING  
POLITICAL IMPLICATIONS: QUOTE IT IS EXPECTED THAT ANY  
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PORTION OF THE EXERCISE BEING PLAYED IN THE AEGEAN SEA  
WILL CAUSE SOME POLITICAL CONCERN FOR BOTH GREECE AND  
TURKEY. END QUOTE

4.(U) THIS MESSAGE HAS BEEN COORDINATED WITH THE  
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